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SUBJECT: LAGOS CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION

REF: (A) USUN 2540 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 2604 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING (PARA 3) IS TEXT OF FIRST DRAFT OF "WORKING
PAPER FOR DECLARATION OF WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST
APARTHEID". PAPER, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS PREPARED BY
NIGERIANS, WAS GIVEN TO UKUN BY NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN.
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2. FOR DEPARTMENT: NUMBERING OF PARAGRAPHS DIFFERS FROM
THAT USED IN USUN 2540.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE

(THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA - MEETING IN LAGOS, NIGERIA, FROM 22 TO 26 AUGUST 1977 - ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION).

1. THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID REITERATES THE UNIVERSAL ABHORRENCE OF APARTHEID AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO SECURE ITS SPEEDY ELIMINATION.

2. APARTHEID, THE POLICY OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RACIST DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION, IMPOSED BY A MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS A CRIME AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY OF MANKIND. IT HAS RESULTED IN IMMENSE SUFFERING AND INVOLVED THE FORCIBLE MOVING OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES; THE IMPRISONMENT OF MILLIONS OF AFRICANS UNDER SPECIAL LAWS RESTRICTING THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT; AND THE DENIAL OF ELEMENTARY HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION. THIS INHUMAN POLICY HAS BEEN ENFORCED BY RUTHLESS MEASURES OF REPRESSION AND HAS LED TO ESCALATING TENSION AND CONFLICT.

3. THE APARTHEID REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA IS THE BASTION OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MAIN OPPONENT OF THE

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EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN THE AREA.

4. IT HAS CONTINUED ILLEGALLY TO OCCUPY THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA, FOR WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND EXTENDED APARTHEID TO THAT INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY.

5. IT HAS SUSTAINED AND SUPPORTED THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, AND HAS CONSTANTLY RESORTED TO THREATS AGAINST NEIGHBOURING INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES AND VIOLATIONS OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. SINCE THE END OF COLONIAL RULE IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, IT HAS ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBOURING STATES AND HAS CONNIVED AT ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

6. THE POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME HAVE, THEREBY, CREATED AN EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. THE WORLD CONFERENCE RECALLS WITH ADMIRATION THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR MANY DECADES FOR AN END TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-RACIAL SOCIETY.

BY THEIR COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE AT HEAVY SACRIFICE, THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

8. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS SOLEMNLY RECOGNIZED THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN EQUALITY, AND FOR ENABLING ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE,

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COLOUR OR CREED, TO PARTICIPATE AS EQUALS IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE DESTINY OF THE NATION. IT HAS PROCLAIMED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND TOWARDS THOSE IMPRISONED, RESTRICTED OR EXILED FOR THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID.

9. THE WORLD CONFERENCE PLEDGES ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE LEGITIMATE

ASPIRATIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE AND APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS,
ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE
TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR LIBERATION
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MOVEMENTS, IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN EQUALITY.

10. THE WORLD CONFERENCE REJECTS ALL ASPECTS OF THE APARTHEID
SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF "BANTUSTANS" WHICH DIVIDE THE
POPULATION, DEPRIVE THE AFRICAN PEOPLE OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND
INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND DENY THEM A JUST SHARE
OF THE WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY. THERE CAN BE NO INTERNATIONAL CO-
OPERATION WITH BANTUSTANS AND OTHER ENTITIES BASED ON RACISM.

11. THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNS ALL MANEUUVRES BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN
REGIME AIMED AT PRESERVING RACIST DOMINATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE.

12. IT DECLARES THAT SOUTH AFRICA BELONGS TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS
IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, COLOUR OR CREED AND THAT ALL HAVE THE RIGHT
TO LIVE AND WORK THERE IN CONDITIONS OF FULL EQUALITY. THE SYSTEM
OR RACIST DOMINATION MUST BE REPLACED BY MAJORITY RULE AND THE
PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, IN ALL
PHASES OF NATIONAL LIFE AND IN FREELY DETERMINING THE POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTER OF THEIR SOCIETY.

13. THE WORLD CONFERENCE DECLARRES THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST:
(A) TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF
APARTHEID AND GRANT TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS EQUAL RITHTS,
INCLUDING EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS;
(B) TERMINATE ALL MEASURES, UNDER WHATEVER NAME, WHICH FORCIBLY
SEPARATE ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE;
(C) DISMANTLE THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND THE POLICY OF
BANTUSTANIZATION, AND ABROGATE ALL RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY
LAWS AND MEASURES;
(D) END REPRESSSION AGAINST THE OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID, AND
GRANT AN UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY TO ALL PERSONS IMPRISONED,
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(E) ENABLE ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TO EXERCISE, ON
THE BASIS OF EQUALITY THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION;
(F) END ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND COMPLY WITH
THE RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY
RESOLUTION 385(1976) FOR THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS,

ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS, UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND
CONTROL OF THE UNITED NATIONS; AND
(G) COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION
OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

14. THE WORLD CONFERENCE RECOGNIZES THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE
SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND IN SOTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE,
WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO GREATER CONFLICT WITH SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL
REPERCUSSIONS.

15. IT CONDEMNS THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME FOR ITS RUTHLESS REPRESSIVE
MEASURES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT PEACEFUL CHANGE. WHILE
RECOGNIZING AND RESPECTING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE OPPRESSED
PEOPLE TO RESORT TO ALL AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATE MEANS TO SECURE
THEIR FREEDOM, THE CONFERENCE DECLARES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HAS AN INESCAPABLE DUTY TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO
ENSURE THE TRIUMPH OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN EQUALITY AND MINIMIZE
SUFFERING AND BLOODSHED IN THAT PROCESS.

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16. IT FURTHER DECLARES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST ASSIST STATES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THREATS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID.

17. IT PROCLAIMS THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME CANNOT CLAIM RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW OR PRIVILEGES UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, WHILE VIOLATING THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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18. GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE PLEDGE TO USE THEIR SEPARATE AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS FORTHWITH, AND ON A CONTINUING BASIS, TO BRING ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF OPPRESSION, AND TO LEND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OAU, IN THEIR LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE TO ATTAIN THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

19. THE WORLD CONFERENCE COMMENDS THOSE STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND APPEALS TO ALL STATES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

20. THE CONFERENCE SOLEMNLY CALLS UPON ALL STATES TO CEASE ANY SALE OR SUPPLY OF ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA AND ANY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA IN ITS MILITARY BUILD-UP. IT CALLS FOR THE CESSATION OF ANY ASSISTANCE OR CO-OPERATION ENABLING SOUTH AFRICA TO OBTAIN NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY. IT URGES THEM TO PREVENT COMPANIES OR INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION, FROM ANY MILITARY OR NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

21. IT CALLS ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES, UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER, TO ENSURE THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

22. THE CONFERENCE COMMENDS ALL GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN ECONOMIC AND OTHER MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA. IT CALLS UPON ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ECONOMIC OR OTHER RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE MINORITY REGIME IN ITS IMPOSITION OF APARTHEID. IT URGES IN PARTICULAR, THE CESSATION OF LOANS TO,
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AND INVESTMENTS IN, SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL APARTHEID IS ABOLISHED.

23. IT COMMENDS ALL PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

24. THE WORLD CONFERENCE CALLS ON ALL THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO LEND THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY IT, TO ELIMINATE APARTHEID AND ENABLE THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE TO ATTAIN THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

25. IT ENDORSES THE PROPOSAL TO PROCLAIM 1978 AS THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR AND APPEALS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE IT IN THE SPIRIT OF THIS DECLARATION.

26. THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS A WHOLE, FROM COLONIAL AND RACIST RULE, WILL BE THE FINAL STEP IN THE EMANCIPATION OF THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA FROM CENTURIES OF DOMINATION AND HUMILIATION. IT WILL BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORLD, AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

27. THE WORLD CONFERENCE CALLS ON ALL GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES TO MAKE THEIR FULLEST CONTRIBUTION IN THIS HISTORIC AND CRUCIAL EFFORT FOR FREEDOM, PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION.

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